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Dr. Philip D. Wilson attended the meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons at the Palmer House in Chicago from January 17 to 20th. He was elected President of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgeons for the coming year.

There were eight present or former R. & C. men who took the examination of the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery and all passed with credit. Among them was Mike Leinbach and Freddie vomSaal.

We have also learned that Tommy Thompson and John Cobb attended the meeting of the Academy and that Bill Rhorer has been attending a six weeks course in Neuro-Psychiatry at the Medical School of the University of Illinois in Chicago; that he will soon finish this course and return to his station at Miami, Florida.

Francis Carr paid us a visit the other day. He looks every bit the part of a Lieutenant Colonel, is trained down into fine physical shape much to the envy of the other three Horsemen - Wagner, Hansson and Snyder. He has just finished a course at the School of Aviation Medicine, Pensacola, Florida and reported on February 2nd as a Flight Surgeon at the Naval Air Station in Atlanta, Georgia.

Charles Burstein, with the rank of Captain, left for the Army on January 15th. His address is Camp Barkeley, Texas.

Robert Mazet writes that they got tired of seeing him around Washington so transferred him out to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California, that it is a wonderful opportunity for him as it is a large casualty hospital and he is getting a lot to do in Orthopaedics. Professionally, he states he is very happy, but due to the housing shortage which is worse than it was in Washington, his family have been unable to join him and are still in Washington.

David Littauer has recently been promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. His address is Headquarters, Airborne Command, Army Ground Forces, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He writes the Editor that his present assignment is that of Surgeon at this Headquarters, that the work is advisory and administrative covering activities and problems of Airborne Troops.

Mrs. Ruth Morse who served so well and faithfully Pop Snyder and his Staff in the Arthritis Clinic, resigned recently to accept a position with the American Cyanimid Corporation.

We welcome Dr. Alexander Hersh who has come on the Orthopaedic Staff as Resident.

Dr. Ramsay Straub finished his Residency on January 1st and is staying in as a Fellow.

Sid Leistner writes that he has recently been transferred to the Naval Hospital at St. Albans, L.I., N.Y., that the hospital has not yet been commissioned and the men attached now are organizing the various sections. His is the Oral Surgery Department attached to which is a Ward of 38 beds.

Jean VanDerwerker, daughter of Dr. Van, is working with us in the Record Room. We are glad to have her on our Staff.

Juan Ruiz stopped in to say hello on his way from South America to the Mayo Clinic where he plans to take further work in Plastic and Orthopaedic Surgery. He told us that his trip home was very romantic, and that he missed the mistletoe during the holiday season, that when he goes back to South America he is going to introduce mistletoe to Colombia.

Mal Stevens is a Lieutenant Commander, M.C., USNR and is stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Sampson, New York.

We hear that Elemer Marjey is now in Alaska.

Reverend Charles A. Brady of St. Agnes' Rectory, who used to minister to the patients in the hospital is now at the Chaplains' School at Harvard University. We are glad to welcome Reverend Joseph A. Scanlon who is now doing the pastoral work.

It is with deep regret that we announce the passing of Mrs. Catherine Murray, the mother of Mrs. Agnes Donohue, on January 13th. Mrs. Murray served this hospital most efficiently for over 17 years in the Sewing Room of the Brace Shop.

We have had our big snowstorm of the season which is fast disappearing. Evidently this causes people to start thinking of the spring, as many are planning their Victory Gardens as part of the War effort. Rich Stephens is making plans for a big garden, but figures that he will have to take in summer boarders to help him with the garden, as one of his sons is already in the Navy and the other has recently been given his physical examination by the Draft Board. We also understand that Dr. Van is planning his Victory Garden.

We have heard that Phil Wilson plans to raise Belgian hares in his back yard at 134 East 74th Street.

Fred Kickbush wants the Director to pull out the pacysandra and rhododendrons in front of the hospital and start a Victory Garden of radishes. Now that we have taken down the fence in front, if this plan goes through, we will have to erect another one.

Carl Burdick has purchased a pig in the litter of one of the local Connecticut farmers and we hear that he has told the farmer that if any pigs in that litter dies it isn't his pig. We feel that Carl Burdick should also get a rooster to wake him up in the morning, and return that alarm clock to the Director's Office which the Director's Secretary swapped for one that hasn't got an alarm. She finds it rather hard without this alarm clock to wake the Director up from his afternoon naps. Alarm clocks are so scarce these days. Maybe it will come to where we'll all be awaked by the bugler.

On January 1st, the Government made us deduct 5% for the Victory Tax on everything a person earns over $12.00 a week. It was thought by some that this deduction would cause a falling off in the purchase of Victory Bonds on our payroll deduction plan which has not occurred. Last month the employees of this hospital purchased a total of $1,400 in Bonds. This is about the average which is purchased each month. This is rather gratifying as it shows how the employees of our hospital are behind the war effort.

The hospital is now represented in both the Waves and the Waacs. Lila Moore, one of our Nursing Attendants, is in the Waves, and Louise Burns, one of the Laundry workers has recently passed her examination for the Waacs.

Dr. & Mrs. Lewis are spending a few weeks at Smyrna Beach, Florida. We miss Mrs. Lewis as much as we do Ray as she has been of such great help to us as a Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aide. We wish them a well earned rest.

Miss Josephine Stack, Nursing Attendant in the Emergency Room, was married on November 28th to Technical Sergeant Thomas Sullivan who is now stationed at Camp Polk, Louisiana. Good luck to both of them.

Our distinguished visitors for the month were, Sister Kenny, who came to see the work that we are doing with infantile paralysis patients, Katherine Hepburn, who came to have her picture taken with one of the patients on Ward 2 as publicity for the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, also, Marjorie Lawrence of the Metropolitan Opera Company who has been crippled from infantile paralysis came to sing for the patients and the newsreels.

Lt. W. C. Graham is now stationed at Valley Forge General Hospital, Phoenixville, Pa.

HEARD IN THE CLINIC

"Doctor, is there any medicine I could take for my ulster?"

GLEANED FROM OUR RECORDS

These Modern Methods

"Patient had operation with hot (without) complications."

"Gee Moy: Religion, Confusion"

"Patient has been going from pillow to post trying to get treatment."

Goldthwaite, like the immortal Bottom, is translated: "Gold plate brace recommended."

Dr. Wilson received a very interesting letter from Ted Lynn who is somewhere in North Africa. He states "It is exciting and gratifying to be part of this enormous offensive effort."

A letter has been received from D.A. DeSanto. He states "I have received my issues of the Sentinel and I must say that Olive's drawings come up to their usual high standard." D.A., please be advised that it is not the Sentinel you receive from the Ruptured and Crippled Hospital. It is the Record & Chronicle, or the R. & C., which name was conceived after a great bit of cogitation, so please don't make that mistake again. He states that he has been quite busy with more medical cases than with the Lab. If the readers will watch the magazines "Variety" and "Post", they may learn something more of what D.A. is now doing, for we learn that his ship is coming in for more publicity in these magazines.

The New York Herald Tribune on Wednesday, February 3rd, carried on the front page the following headline:- "Largest Army Hospital in U.S. In Operation On Staten Island". "$12,000,000 State Home Started for Children Was Secretly Transformed Into Medical Center; Vast Wards of Fighters Eager to Fight Again". This refers to what is now called the Halloran General Hospital, Staten Island. The Herald Tribune gave a great deal of space to the description of the hospital and its equip-

ment. We quote from a portion:- "Lieutenant Colonel Vansel S. Johnson, until recently associate surgeon at Bellevue Hospital, is chief of the surgical service. At his disposal are a series of operating rooms, the principal of which is air conditioned and of ultra-modern blue-gray glass and stainless steel construction. The latest developments in surgical equipment have been built into the operating rooms."

Even with such equipment to work with, hope you'll all be back in our modestly equipped civilian hospitals very soon.